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Chief Dale McFee
Chief of Police
Edmonton Police Service
9620 103a Avenue NW
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Dear Chief McFee:

RE: Request for Edmonton Police Service Support for Alberta RCMP Operations in Southern Alberta

As you are aware, a group of protesters have been blockading the Coutts Port of Entry since Saturday January 29, 2022. Since then there have been a number of protests, rallies, and vehicle convoys in support of the Coutts blockade and the one taking place in downtown Ottawa, some of which your Service has managed within the City of Edmonton.

Late last week, the Alberta RCMP became aware of a credible threat to officer and public safety stemming from a fringe organization within the larger protest group. This threat was confirmed early this morning during the execution of a search warrant on a residence in Coutts, where firearms and ammunition were found. We have since dealt with this threat and are now focussing on dismantling the blockade.

As a result, the Alberta RCMP is requesting assistance from the Edmonton Police Service to help maintain public order and assist with the removal of the blockade at the Coutts site. We are requesting the release of at least fifty (50) resources from the EPS Public Safety Unit, to be deployed to Southern Alberta as soon as possible. The deployment is anticipated to last three to four days, ensuring that these resources return to Edmonton on Friday February 18, 2022.

To arrange logistics and gain further detail, the Commander of your Public Safety Unit can contact Cpl. James Stanviloff at 780-412-5564.

All financial costs associated to this deployment will be covered by the Alberta RCMP. Hotel rooms will be booked and paid for directly by the RCMP. EPS can then submit an invoice to the RCMP for all other costs; including meals, travel, salary, and overtime.

The Alberta RCMP values the partnership we have with the Edmonton Police Service and is grateful for your assistance during this unprecedented time. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cm Zablocki".

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